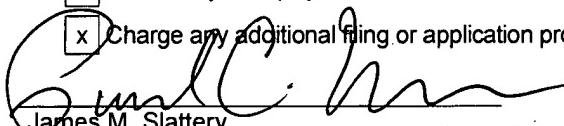




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Applicant(s): Hiroshi KATO et al.					
Invention: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING ELLIPTIC DEEP-DRAWN PRODUCTS					
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 15, 2005 (Paper No. 02132006), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Claim Set As Amended and Remarks.